## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Public Service Commission Practice and Procedure Rulemaking Case No. AD-17-49

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 31, 2017

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Public Service Commission intends to propose amendments to the following parts of the North Dakota Administrative Code: Section 69-02-04-01, Section 69-02-04-02, Section 69-02-07-02 and Chapter 69-02-09.

A hearing will be held on the proposed rules at 1:30 p.m. Central Time on March 15, 2017, in the Commission Hearing Room, 12th floor, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The proposed revisions are: changes to the rules regarding individual customer notice in utility rate related cases (bill stuffers), appearances at formal hearings, the filing and comment period time frames for proposed rules, and changes to the procedure for protecting certain information filed by telecommunications companies.

One additional type of utility filing will be included with the existing types of filings for which individual customer notice is required. The requirement that staff who work on formal cases be noted as making a formal appearance is being deleted. Certain time frames associated with the procedure proposing rules are being revised to make the commission's procedure consistent with statute. Information filed by telecommunications companies is specified as protected without the need for application for protection.

The proposed rule changes and the statements concerning the Regulatory Analysis, Small Entity Regulatory Analysis and Economic Impact, and Takings Assessment may be reviewed at the Public Service Commission's offices on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota. To obtain a copy of the proposed rule changes or the statements contact the Public Service Commission at 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, 701-328-2400, toll free 1-877-245-6685, Relay North Dakota TTY 1-800-366-6888, or ndpsc@nd.gov. This information is also available on the Commission's web site at <a href="www.psc.nd.gov">www.psc.nd.gov</a> under "Formal Actions/Case Search".

Interested persons may attend the hearing and may submit written comments on the proposed rules. Written comments should be filed with Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, or ndpsc@nd.gov. The comment period closes 30 days after the hearing. Comments must be received by the close of business on April 17, 2017.

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